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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Vishnu K Agarwal

§ Group Art Unit:

Serial No.:

§ Examiner:

Filed: August 31, 2000

§ Atty. Docket: 98-0616.03

For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING  
AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN  
SAID DEVICE

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- application #09/200,253, filed November 25, 1998 -- please amend the current application as  
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please add the following: --

Related Application

This application is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/200,253, filed Nov. 25,  
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 10-75 without prejudice.

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